(b) if so, the full details thereof alongwith the details of proposed pattern and syllabus and the rationale for changing the existing pattern;

(c) by when it would be implemented;

(d) whether advance information/notice would be given to aspirants of Civil Services;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (f) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Shortage of staff in CBI

†1600. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of about 50 per cent employees in the prime intelligence institution like Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government admits the deficiency in vigilance work due to shortage of employees; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to meet this shortage and by when this shortage would be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. As on 31.10.2009, out of 5961 sanctioned strength, 721 i.e. 12% posts in various grades are vacant in the CBI.

(b) No, Sir. With effective use and deployment of existing personnel, the vacancies have not affected the performance of the CBI adversely. Occurrence of vacancies and their filling up is an ongoing process.

(c) Government has recently decided to create 284 posts in the grades of Public Prosecutor, Inspector, Head Constable and Steno Clerks for Additional Special Courts for trail CBI cases. 62 posts that were lying vacant in various grades and were deemed to have been abolished, have also been revived. Government has taken the following steps, *inter-alia*, to ensure filling up of vacancies in time:

- Grant of Special Incentive Allowance @ 25% of Pay-Dearness Allowance upto the level of Senior Superintendent of Police and @ 15% for officers above that rank to attract officers on deputation.
- Amendment of recruitment rules for various posts from time to time to meet the requirements of the CBI.
- Decentralization of induction of Inspector on deputation in order to ensure speedy and smooth recruitment process.

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